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## **VIRGINIA HOSTS LOW FLYING BOOMERANG**

A Virginia witness at Alexandria reported watching a large, boomerang-shaped object with five, large, circle-shaped lights underneath crossing the sky silently over 500 feet, but under the cloud cover, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database. The witness was outside sitting on his apartment deck smoking a cigar at 8:30 p.m. on March 19, 2017, when the incident occurred.

"I was facing in a southern direction, looking at the constellation Orion," the witness stated. "My eyes were well adjusted to the night sky when some movement below Orion (but much closer to my location) caught my eye.

"I fixed my eyes on the movement, and realized it was a large, boomerang-shaped aircraft moving in a straight southern direction at fairly slow speed. It had five large circles on the underside of the craft that were just a slightly different color than the craft itself. Very dark, charcoal gray circles against a black craft.

"Without catching the movement at that exact moment I did, it would have been impossible to see. It stayed visible for approximately 8 -10 seconds before fading into the night sky. The aircraft had no visible lights whatsoever and had no jet noise. Other aircraft were flying in my sight before and after the event. These were all different airliners (flashing lights, jet engine noise) flying at different altitudes and directions. My area gets heavy air traffic due to an airport and military installations nearby, so I'm very used to seeing and hearing several civilian and military aircraft from small planes to large jets and helicopters. I also served in the Air Force and Air National Guard in the past and have never seen an aircraft anything like the one I saw this evening. It was truly unbelievable." Source: Roger Marsh, "Open Minds" March 28, 2017.

## **2016 CANADIAN UFO SURVEY**

The results of the 2016 Canadian UFO Survey have been released, and despite an apparent quiescence in media, UFO sightings are still being reported at a near-record level. In 2016, 1,131 UFO reports were officially filed in Canada, the fifth year in a row above 1,000 cases.

Since the annual Canadian UFO Survey was initiated in 1989, 18,038 Canadian UFO reports have been catalogued during the past 28 years. This is much more than the files of the United States Air Force's infamous Project Blue Book, which investigated and recorded 12,618 UFO reports from around the world between 1947 and 1969.

This data clearly contradicts comments by those who would assert that UFOs are a "passing fad" or that UFO sightings are decreasing in number.

In 2016, most UFO reports were recorded during the summer with June, July and August having a combined 37.7 % of all cases. Most UFOs were simple lights in the sky, known as Nocturnal Lights 54.9 %, and Close Encounters comprised less than one per cent of the total.

The provinces with the largest populations also tended to have the most UFO reports: Ontario (26.3 %), BC (17.2 %), but Quebec had a significantly unusual overabundance of UFO reports in 2016 (38.5%).

The most popular shape of UFO reported in 2016 was a simple point source of sight (57 %). Other shapes reported were Triangle (4 %), Ball (9 %), Cigar (3%) and Fireball (5 %). The classic "flying saucer" was only reported 48 times (5 %) in 2016.

The percentage of UFO cases considered unexplained in 2016 has dropped to 4 %, the lowest in 28 years of study. This is likely a result of more careful scrutiny of raw report information available.

It should be emphasized the classification of unknown does not imply alien visitation. Each case may still have an explanation following further investigation. And of those that remain unexplained, they may remain unexplained, but still are not incontrovertible proof of extraterrestrial intervention or some mysterious natural phenomenon.

The Canadian UFO Survey is produced by Ufology Research, based in Manitoba, with the cooperation of investigators and researchers across the country. Source: "Ufology Research" March 30, 2017.

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## **SHIP REPORTS UFO IN GULF OF MEXICO**

An oval-shaped object about 1,200 feet long "rose up out of the water" to about 40 feet and then disappeared at an incredible rate of speed into the sky, according to reports from a chief engineer aboard an Offshore Supply Vessel March 21, 2017, 80 miles southeast of New Orleans in the Gulf of Mexico, who filed testimony with the National UFO Reporting Center.

The sighting was reported to NUFORC on March 23, 2017. NUFORC Director Peter Davenport posted the sighting to his website and confirmed the sighting Friday evening with Mutual UFO Network Director of Communications Roger Marsh.

"I am a Chief Engineer on an Offshore Supply Vessel, and the events I am going to put forward are accurate, to the best of my knowledge," the witness stated in his report. Close to 7 p.m. on March 21<sup>st</sup>, just before dusk, myself and four of the crew members aboard our vessel saw a craft that appeared to be five times our 240-foot vessel in length. My line of sight was about one-quarter mile from our vessel. There was a rig behind the craft about a half-mile. I used this to help gauge the size of the craft. Sighting was approximately 80 miles southeast of New Orleans, Louisiana.

"The scene lasted about 40 seconds. The craft rose up out the water (Gulf of Mexico) about 40 feet, with no water dripping from the craft. Within a split second the craft disappeared at a 30-degree angle into the sky. Speed appeared to be faster than the speed of a light turning on in a room. Within seconds it had disappeared completely. I can say for sure that the craft was dark colored, oval in shape and made no sound whatsoever." Davenport then followed up with the witness by telephone. Source: Roger Marsh, MUFON March, 25, 2017.

## **THE TYPICAL FORTEAN DILEMMA – by Martin Piechota**

As the Fortean man grows older he begins to realize that he is no longer afraid of making a fool of himself. He is likely fully aware of history and he has discovered that it is little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind. As he matured further, he also realized that the grand theories put forth by experts can easily be replaced by what he actually sees.

As he ages he discovers that if out-of-date beliefs are to be called myths, superstitions and old wives' tales, then these beliefs can be produced by the same sorts of reasons that now lead to scientific knowledge. If the myths are included in the histories of science, then it stands to reason that science has included beliefs that are incompatible with the present so-called knowledge.

If one traces the scientific knowledge of any scientific group of related phenomena backward in time, he is likely to encounter some variant of a pattern used to describe the phenomenon.

One phenomena that is encountered in Fortean studies is the falling of toads in precipitation throughout history. The conventional explanation of meteorologists is that the falls of toads occur when whirlwinds over relatively shallow water develop into waterspouts and suck up the creatures, which can then be carried long distances by buffeting clouds even when the waterspouts disperse. Any meteorologist who can cite chapter and verse to refute this explanation also remains unknown.

What's more, one would not expect whirlwinds to be so selective, not only is there no associated debris dumped in the fall, but all the toads are of one size, and in some cases deposited in very small well-defined areas. Many falls have occurred without a hint of accompanying wind, and the toads have sometimes fallen on the same spot for such extended periods of time (up to ten minutes) that constantly moving whirlwinds would seem to be ruled out.

While the whirlwind explanation seems valid, when the particulars of the falls are examined the whirlwind would have to be operating like a vacuum cleaner that will only pick up sugar and leave salt and pepper behind.

Note that to this point only toads are mentioned. The history of toads tells us that in the North Temperate Zone the toad is hatched from an egg, usually in the month of April. By the first of June it has grown four legs and has shed its tail. It is then ready to leave its watery home and live out its life on land. When the weather is warm, it hibernates under logs, leaves or grass in some damp, cool place. It finds a moist spot somewhere in the shade, using itself as a corkscrew, drills four or five inches down into the ground, out of sight of prowling enemies and whirlwinds.

So, how could a whirlwind scoop up and carry many toads at a time? As the toad matures and increases its weight, it should be unnatural for a group of toads to be seen that are reported to be dime or quarter-sized after mid-June. Yet tiny toads are reported to have fallen in showers in late summer and early fall when they should be at least as large as a tennis ball. These reports should be considered anomalous or the species identified that has a different lifestyle than the typical toad.

Can a waterspout spin off tiny but powerful whirlwinds that can drill down and expose the toads and bring them to the surface to be picked up and carried away? There would have to be as many of these powerful entities to gather up a large total of toads and strategically position them in the larger whirlwind to be dropped all at once.

When a report of falling toads appears, be aware of the date of the fall. Question the expert if the fall's date varies from the expected life cycle of the toad.

## **ENGINEER SPOTS NEVADA TRIANGLE**

A Nevada witness near Austin reported a close encounter with a low flying and hovering triangle-shaped object about 300 feet long moving overhead under 500 feet, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database.

The reporting witness is a communications engineer who was leaving work at a remote radio site on Mount Callahan on February 15, 2017.

"We were driving down from Mount Callahan at 8 p.m." the witness stated. "We entered a clearing and saw a bright light in the sky just out in front of us about 1,000 yards. It was just sitting there about 30 degrees up in the air." The witness stopped his truck and got out to watch the object.

"In an instant, it became a very large triangle with two lights in each corner. The object appeared to rotate slowly for about a minute. The body blotted out the stars. Then it suddenly became a massive rectangle with about 30 lights around the perimeter. It did not move or make any sound for about a minute.

"Then it just was gone as if turning off a light. About five seconds later we could hear a very loud rushing air sound just above us, but we could not see anything above us, just stars. The sound got louder, then slowly as if flying away, got softer and softer until silence. This lasted about 20 seconds. This was an extremely remote communications site. Our trucks were the only lights for 20 square miles. I felt that it had been watching us and then just appeared directly in front of us, did its little show and left."

Nevada MUFON Assistant State Director Sandra Countiss closed this case as an Unknown. Source: Roger Marsh, "Open Minds" March 16, 2017.

## **LOW LEVEL UFO OVER PENNSYLVANIA**

A Pennsylvania witness at Gettysburg reported watching a fast-moving, bright object moving overhead under 1,000 feet that could not be identified, according to testimony from the MUFON witness reporting database.

The witness was outside on a front porch at 4 a.m. on February 26, 2017, smoking a cigarette, when the object was first noticed.

"Direction of flight was southwest," the witness stated. "Speed would guess somewhere in the range of 800 mph and up. Traveling very low, but not so fast you couldn't keep track of it. Shape was a straight line with a slight curve. Was still dark, so I couldn't get a good look at it. Brightness was very, very bright,

maybe as bright or brighter than one of those million-watt candle power flashlights. Length – if you would have held up a yard stick to it, it probably would have covered it. “

The witness guessed that the object was between 800 to 1,000 feet long.

“Maneuvering: I saw this bright line of lights coming from the southeast heading directly over Gettysburg at least 800 to 1,000 feet up. I thought it was a jet plane so kept watching it because of how very low it was and had all these lights in a row. It then turned slightly heading in my direction, which was northerly, but just a few seconds in its turn, it turned right back toward a southwest direction toward Fairfield with no difficulties whatsoever, for the size of the craft.”

The witness did detect some sound with the craft.

“Sound: a very low humming sound. At first I thought it could have been a large jet, but at that close of a distance and height, the engines would have been roaring and most definitely you would have been able to identify it as being a jet. Appearance: all I can say it was a basic line with a slight curve with at least 10 to 12 lights, all bright, bright white. No red, no blue, and none blinking.”

The witness is age 59 and is a retired federal employee and army veteran. Source: Roger Marsh, “Open Minds” March 1, 2017.

### **WOMAN BLAMES SASQUATCH FOR CAR CRASH**

A northern Idaho woman told police she crashed into a deer because she was distracted by a sasquatch in her rearview mirror. The *Moscow-Pullman Daily News* reports that the 50-year-old Tensed woman was driving south on U.S. 95 on March 22 when she struck a deer near Potlatch. The woman told Benewah County sheriff's officials that she saw a sasquatch chasing a deer on the side of the road while driving. She says she checked one of her mirrors to get a second look at the beast and when she looked up, the deer ran in front of her. Sheriff's officials recorded the incident as a vehicle vs. deer collision but did not report any evidence of Bigfoot. Source: *Cleveland OH Plain Dealer* March 26, 2017.

### **DERBYSHIRE, ENGLAND “GHOST PLANE”**

An old type of aircraft commonly used during World War II has been sighted numerous times over Derbyshire.

Reports of the so-called “ghost plane” have been reported over the county for years with witnesses often describing an aircraft similar to the Douglas C-47 Dakota – a military transport aircraft used extensively by the Allies during the Second World War.

Just recently, Sandra Holland reported seeing a large, unmarked, silent aircraft flying straight towards her over the Peak Shopping village before mysteriously disappearing in to thin air.

“I have never seen anything like it,” she said. “It looked like it wasn’t running quite right and was going to run into us. It was sideways on and then it vanished – it was very strange.”

Another witness, Pam Orridge, also saw something strange a few years ago.

“My son and I were driving along the A6 towards Rowsley from Darley Dale,” she said. “We had just passed Church Road on our left and well before Arconic Forgings and Extrusion also on the left.

“Suddenly in front of us was an aircraft flying very low towards us. So low we thought it would crash into us but then it banked sideways and disappeared. We could not identify the aircraft other than it was old because it happened so quickly and left us quite shocked.”

Intriguingly, there have been over 50 plane crashes in a nearby area of the Peak District known as ‘Dark Peak’ and some of these have managed to evade explanation even to this day.

The region is so notorious in fact that it has even come to be known as Britain’s Bermuda Triangle. Source: “Unexplained Mysteries” February 14, 2017.

### **ALABAMA’S “BOOGER MONSTER”**

It was a memorable Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> for Donald McDonald of the Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Organization. When he was invited to speak at the annual Collard Green Festival in Evergreen earlier this month, he had no idea he’d discover evidence of the legendary creature in Conecuh County.

But when a resident of the Pine Oak Orchard community pointed out claw marks on a tree in his yard, McDonald determined they couldn't have been made by humans, and it's unlikely they were made by any other animals.

"Some of those claw marks start at about 8 feet off the ground and go to almost 12 feet," McDonald said. "Yes, there are bears in the area but a bear, if it would have made those marks, there would have been bear claw marks on the sides of the tree where it climbed it, there were none."

McDonald was accompanied by fellow researcher Michael Humphreys, his co-star on the TV show "Killing Bigfoot," which airs on Destination America.

Alabama Bigfoot enthusiast Ashley McPhaul of Excel joined the men, and Lee Peacock of *The Evergreen Courant* tagged along for a story.

Peacock said he doesn't know what to make of the claw marks. "I'm a very skeptical person by nature, but I like to keep an open mind. I have never personally seen a Bigfoot, but what I saw at Pine Orchard the other day is hard to ignore," he said. "Like true expert trackers, McDonald and Humphreys seemed to be able to see things in the woods that most people wouldn't give much attention to. It was a very eye-opening experience for me."

McDonald and Humphreys didn't do any filming for the TV show while in Alabama but they came to town early to check some Bigfoot sightings reported to GCRBO from people in the area.

"I had no idea when I was contacted that there were that many reports of the creatures in the area," he said. [Bigfoot] howls and screams in the area have been heard by several of the locals. Many have seen it cross the road on them and had them around their homes."

McDonald said the GCRBO had about 18 reports in the area but when he left Alabama he had as many as 40 reports of sightings. "Just amazing."

According to the Gulf Coast Bigfoot Research Center website, people have reported seeing sasquatch in 43 of Alabama's 67 counties.

McDonald said he didn't get to the Sepulga River bottoms, an area where about six people have reported "seven-to-eight-foot-tall hairy bipedal creatures crossing the roads, seen coming out of the river and in people's back yards."

If the "killing Bigfoot" team were to find a creature that threatened humans, they would kill it, McDonald said. "They are not these forest friends that many people think they are," he said.

He said Alabamians have different names for the creature known as Bigfoot or sasquatch. "These Bigfoot creatures in Alabama have several local names," he said. "The Alabama WhiteThing, and around Evergreen, it's the Alabama Booger Monster. I'm sure there are a lot more local names throughout the state." Source: Kelly Kazek, Mobile AL *Press-Register* January 29, 2017 via Andy Etheredge.

#### **BRIT CLAIMS "ALIEN" AT BUS STOP**

A man is convinced he saw a 7ft tall faceless alien waiting at a bus stop in Ilchester Road, Yeovil, Somerset, around 2:45 p.m. on 15 December 2016. "I was driving up the road and saw this dark-looking figure by Yeovil College," said the man, who asked not to be named. "It looked quite tall and had this big Stetson hat. I slowed down to have a closer look and thought it's not a man, it was about 7ft tall. It had this long thin tube coming from the top of it and spikes coming out of the side. The middle bit of it was like moleskin and hairy. The thing wasn't moving at all and was in this box that had sparks coming out of it. It was like something out of science fiction." The encounter unnerved him so much that he hadn't slept for a week. He drew an annotated drawing of the entity, noting it was black, wore a "weird" coat and had silky hair. "I just keep thinking I was in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said. "It's just mad." Source: *Western Daily Press*, December 23, 2016 via Martin Piechota.

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